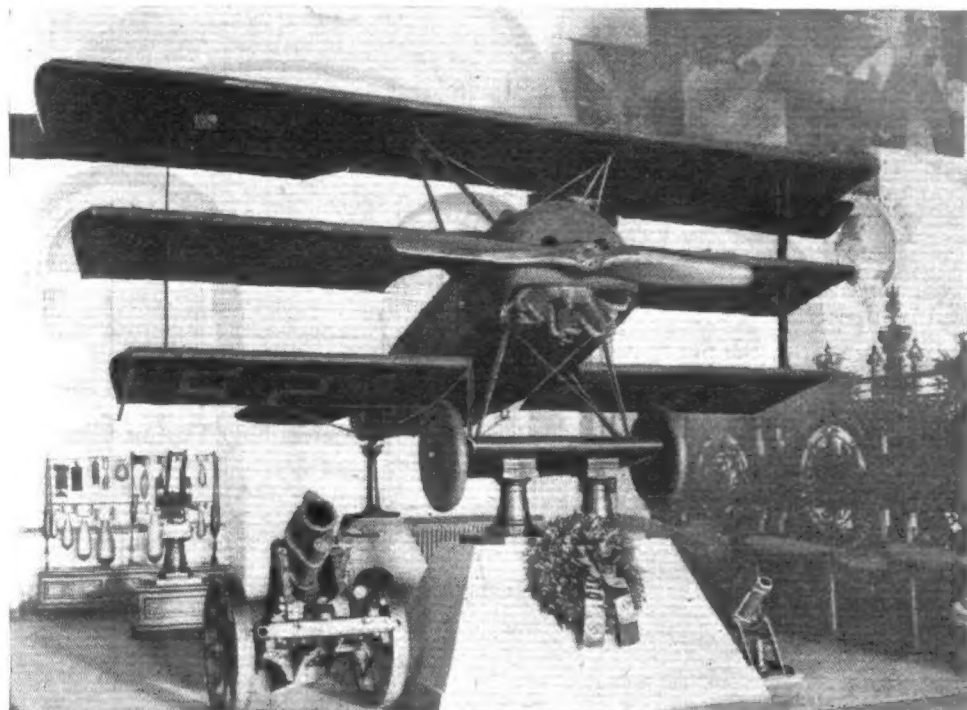


# THE FOUR WINDS

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL QUARTERS



**HOMAGE TO AN ACE:** On the eighteenth anniversary of the death of Richthofen the director of the German State Museum laid a wreath before the scarlet Fokker triplane at one time used by Germany's greatest war-pilot.

**WADDINGTON**, near Lincoln, has been added to the list of R.A.F. stations to be open on Empire Air Day.

An eighteen-cylinder two-row radial is the latest Gnome-Rhone product.

The Air Ministry has acquired land at Canewdon, Essex, for a wireless station. Other land is being purchased.

The B.B.C. is to broadcast part of the London to Isle of Man air race on May 30.

An Autogiro which "flies" off the stage is a feature of the new Drury Lane show, "Rise and Shine."

Unable to walk since she was three years old, Miss Betty Snell, of London, Ontario, has qualified for a pilot's licence.

Three Russian airmen who were lost in the Arctic for twenty-five days have been discovered alive near Yenise Gulf, Siberia.

It is expected that this year civil aircraft will fly 4,000 hours in exercises with the Observer Corps, the Regular and Territorial Armies and the Royal Navy.

A date for golfing enthusiasts to mark in their diaries—the Aero Golfing Society's *Flight* Trophy Competition at Richmond Golf Club on Thursday, July 2.

An exhibition of airport design and equipment is to be held in November by the Royal Institute of British Architects, and will afterwards go on tour. The organisers (at 66, Portland Place, London, W.1) are anxious to secure suitable exhibits.

## Twenty-five Years Ago

(From "Flight" of May 13, 1911.)

"... Your article on the possibility of launching an aeroplane from the deck of a battleship and dropping bombs on the deck of a ship. . . . I am sure any commander would look askance at such structures on his decks, while the use of bomb-dropping devices makes the whole appear ridiculous and tends to obscure the great services the aeroplane could render in naval warfare." — (Reader's opinion.)

## In Strange Harness

According to a recent report, Italian troops operating in the Danakil Desert were supplied with live animals for food by air, the unfortunate beasts being dropped by parachute.

## In Memoriam

Two R.A.F. flying boats flew last week to the scene of last year's crash off Havre, when three R.A.F. men lost their lives. A service was held to commemorate Aircraftman William Watkin, whose body was never recovered.

## An Ambulance Record

A Swedish Northrop Delta (Pratt and Whitney Hornet), flown by Mr. Linder, has carried a Swedish millionaire patient from Biarritz to Stockholm in one day. His affliction demanded that the height should not exceed 1,500 ft.

## Re-shuffling at Hanworth

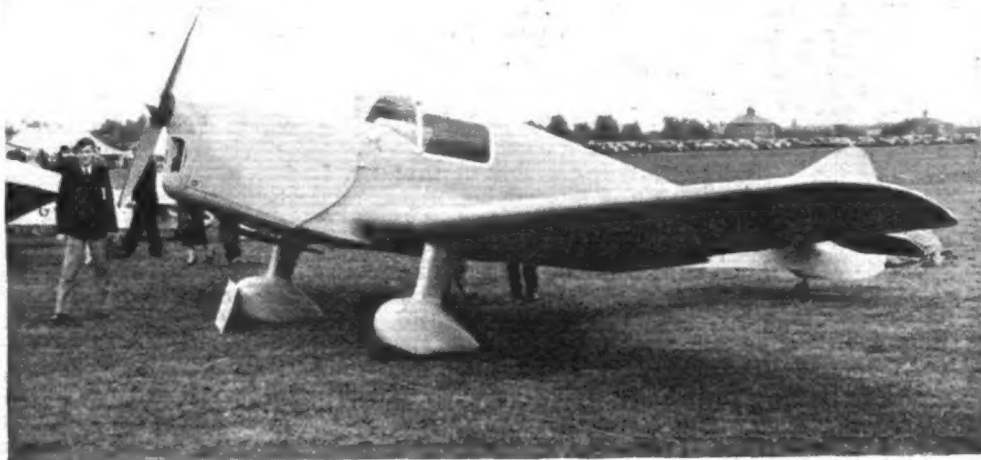
The Hanworth Country Club has been re-named the Hanworth Park Hotel. Everyone—aeronaut or plain visitor—is welcome: henceforth there will be no landing fees. There are three hard courts and other games facilities.

## Distinguished Passenger

Viscount Swinton, Secretary of State for Air, recently flew for half an hour in the Fairey Battle with Flt. Lt. C. S. Staniland, who took the machine through almost the entire range of aerobatics. After his flight, Viscount Swinton expressed his satisfaction with the ease of control and powers of manoeuvre.

## The Hindenburg's Record

A record for the North Atlantic crossing by an airship has been made by the Zeppelin *Hindenburg*, which took 61 hr. 38 min. for the 4,381-mile Friedrichshafen-New York trip. She moored at Lakehurst, New Jersey, last Saturday, an hour and a half after passing over the city.



**FOUR TO ONE:** The Miles-Whitney Straight Special two-seater (Gipsy Major) has a speed range of 4 : 1. Note the new style of clear-view windscreen. Brief particulars of the machine on p. 516